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In the Claims

1-3. (canceled)

4. (currently amended) A template for hanging picture frames level on a wall, comprising:

a) a rectangular sheet of pliable material, wherein said sheet is planar, said sheet having a pair of opposite side edges, a top edge and a bottom edge and front and rear surfaces;

b) multiple at least one picture frame indicia being disposed on said front of said sheet, each said frame indicia being defined by a substantially horizontal top edge and bottom edge and a substantially vertical pair of side edges, wherein a fastener placement marker is disposed within each said frame indicia in association with each of said top, bottom and side edges being so disposed as to indicate correct fastener placement for attachment of the picture frame to the wall, wherein the picture frame being complementarily sized as said picture frame indicia can be hung level on the wall with said fastener;

c) a plurality of bubble level placement indicia being disposed on said sheet, wherein said bubble level placement indicia are disposed on all [[said]] corners of said sheet in both horizontal and vertical orientation wherein said bubble level placement indicia are so disposed as to allow said sheet and said picture frame indicia to be horizontally and vertically aligned with the wall;

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- d) a bubble leveler being disposed on said bubble level placement indicia, said bubble leveler being attached to said sheet using removable adhesive to permit the sheet to be leveled on the wall; [[and,]]
- e) a removable adhesive being disposed on said rear surface of said sheet for attaching said sheet to the wall[[.]]
- f) axial correlation guides being disposed adjacent said fastener placement markers and said bubble placement indicia to permit the horizontal and vertical axes of the sheet to be identified;
- g) a centrally disposed eye level guide on said sheet whereby a user can determine the correct picture height at which to place the picture frame;
- h) a plurality of peripheral guides disposed in a spaced apart relationship around the perimeter of said sheet whereby a plurality of said sheets can be joined together wherein said plurality of said sheets can be horizontally and vertically aligned with the wall.
- i) a plurality of cutting guide lines being disposed on said front of said sheet, wherein said sheet can be cut into parts diagonally, a plurality of said sheets can be joined together, and said parts can be horizontally and vertically aligned with an existing feature of said wall.

5-18. (canceled)

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19. (new) The method of hanging picture frames level on a wall, comprising the steps of:

a) placing on said wall a rectangular sheet of pliable material, said sheet having a pair of opposite side edges, a top edge and a bottom edge and front and rear surfaces, said sheet having multiple picture frame indicia on the front thereof, with a fastener placement marker disposed within each frame indicia so as to indicate correct fastener placement for attachment of the picture frame to the wall, a plurality of bubble level placement indicia being disposed on said sheet disposed on all corners of said sheet in both horizontal and vertical orientation, axial correlation guides being disposed adjacent said fastener placement markers and said bubble placement indicia to permit the horizontal and vertical axes of the sheet to be identified, a centrally disposed eye level guide on said sheet whereby a user can determine the correct picture height at which to place the picture frame, a plurality of peripheral guides disposed in a spaced apart relationship around the perimeter of said sheet whereby a plurality of said sheets can be joined together and said plurality of said sheets can be horizontally and vertically aligned with the wall, a plurality of cutting guide lines being disposed on said front of said sheet, wherein said sheet can be cut into parts diagonally, a plurality of said sheets can be joined together, and said parts can be horizontally and vertically aligned with an existing feature of said wall, said sheet having a removable adhesive disposed on the rear surface for temporarily attaching said sheet to the wall;

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- b) attaching a bubble leveler on said bubble level placement indicia using removable adhesive to permit the sheet to be leveled on the wall;
- c) using the peripheral guides for overlapping additional such sheets as required;
- d) locating nail holes in said wall using said fastener placement markers with respective axial indicia or axial correlation guides;
- e) removing said sheet from said wall; and
- f) mounting picture frames using nail holes located in said wall.